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17	12/1/55	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	1	1	NO	
18	10/27/54	SA MEMO TO SAC ME	5	5	NO	
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 7/28/55

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; RECIPIENTS OF LEICA CAMERA  
AND \$7,000 FROM ETHEL ROSENBERG  
JUNE, 1950  
ESP-R

65-15348

none re unsubs

Rebulet 7/22/55, in case entitled, "JULIUS ROSENBERG, Was; et al, ESP-R," which instructs that a file should be opened under the above caption and that a report should be prepared in that case including all investigation which has been conducted to date to identify this couple, and should contain appropriate leads for continuing this investigation.

Chief Clerk: 7-28-55

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/2, 6, 7, 8/55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/2, 6, 7, 8/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RICHARD A. MINIHAN</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>jos</b></span>
TITLE <b>UNITED STATES; Recipients of Leica Camera and \$7,000.00 from ETHEL ROSENBERG, June, 1950</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informant advised that JULIUS ROSENBERG stated that when he was first questioned by FBI, 6/16/50, his wife, ETHEL, removed \$7,000.00 and a Leica camera from their apartment and delivered it for safekeeping to a couple who lived in Knickerbocker Village and were good friends of ROSENBERGS. This couple were members of the CP, had two children, and were considering buying their own home. The husband was a member of the ALP. One DAVID ENGELSON, acquainted with JULIUS ROSENBERG, resided in Knickerbocker Village in 1950. ENGELSON signed CP nominating petitions in 41, 42 and 45, and has two sons. ENGELSON, on 3/6/53, stated he had nothing to say to the FBI. ENGELSON's wife, MARY, advised same date she was acquainted with ETHEL ROSENBERG but had never received anything from the ROSENBERGS. One ALFRED PUMK resided in Knickerbocker Village in 1950, and was believed by one Mr. MAHANY to be a Communist. PUMK affiliated with ALP and has one child. In interview, he stated he did not know the ROSENBERGS. DAVID and EMILY ALMAN resided in Knickerbocker Village in 1950, had two children, solicited signatures for CP petition in 1946, and purchased home in Englishtown, New Jersey, in 1953. ALMAN active in National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Financial data concerning ALMAN set forth.

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DETAILS:

PREDICATION

This case is predicated on information received from T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, but whose background is questionable. Following is a summary of information received from T-1:

T-1 stated that ROSENBERG claimed to have had \$7,000.00 in cash and a Leica camera in his apartment at the time he was first questioned by Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents (June 16, 1950). ROSENBERG stated that he refused to give the Agents consent to search his apartment and that evening upon his return to the apartment he took the \$7,000.00 and the Leica camera and gave them to his wife, ETHEL. The next morning, ETHEL ROSENBERG removed the \$7,000.00 and the Leica camera in a brown paper shopping bag and brought them to the apartment of a Communist Party (CP) member who also lived in Knickerbocker Village (10 - 40 Monroe Street, New York 2, New York). ROSENBERG stated that the friend was not aware of the contents of the brown paper shopping bag and was merely safeguarding it for the ROSENBERGS until they returned to claim it.

ROSENBERG described the recipients of the camera and \$7,000.00 as staunch friends who had a couple of children and lived in Knickerbocker Village. The husband was thinking of buying his own home and was a member of the American Labor Party (ALP) in that section.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union. On April 5, 1951 they were sentenced to death, and on June 1, 1953 were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York.

SUSPECTS

DAVID ENGELSON, with alias:  
Dave Engels

T-1 advised that ROSENBERG stated that one DAVE ENGELS was the organizer of the CP Club of which ROSENBERG was a member.



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On January 30, 1953, DAVID GREENGLASS advised SA JAMES WARD at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, that he was acquainted with one DAVID ENGELSON, also known as DAVE ENGELS, and that JULIUS ROSENBERG was also acquainted with ENGELS.

On April 6, 1951, DAVID GREENGLASS, after entering a plea of guilty to the charge of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

On February 9, 1953, Mrs. LUCILLE RAINES of the Knickerbocker Village Renting Office, advised SA ROBERT P. ROYAL that DAVID ENGELSON and his wife, MARY, reside in Apartment JA-4, 16 Monroe Street (a part of 10 Monroe Street). Mrs. RAINES advised that as of July, 1951, ENGELSON had two sons, RICHARD, age 10, and STEPHEN, age 6. She stated that the ENGELSONS moved to Knickerbocker Village on January 1, 1942 and had resided in Apartment DI-3, 36 Monroe Street, from January 1, 1942 until October, 1943. She stated that the records reflect that the ENGELSONS gave as a previous address 62 Sheriff Street.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigations of the New York City Police Department, as checked by SA JOHN SULLIVAN on December 15, 1952, revealed that page 192 of an Independent Nominating Petition for EARL BROWDER, dated January 20, 1940, was witnessed by DAVID ENGELSON, 62 Sheriff Street, New York.

It is to be noted that EARL BROWDER was formerly General Secretary of the CP.

The records further reflected that ENGELSON, while residing at 62 Sheriff Street, signed CP nominating petitions for HOBBSKY and AMER-SANTIAGO on September 7, 1941. Again on August 16, 1942, while residing at 40 Monroe Street, New York City, ENGELSON signed a CP nominating petition for AMER, and in 1945, while residing at 10 Monroe Street, New York City, signed a CP nominating petition for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

On February 20, 1953, SE AMBROSE W. CONROY ascertained through a check of the records of the Board of Elections for the Borough of Manhattan that DAVID and MARY ENGELSON registered with the American Labor Party for the years 1948, 1949, 1950, and 1951.

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The records of the Clerk's Office, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, is checked in February, 1953, by SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, reflected that on August 25, 1952, ENGELSON was arrested by the United States Secret Service for violations of Title 18, Section 1001, and Title 12, Section 95(a), United States Code, and under Executive Order 6240, for illegal acquisition and holding of gold; false and fraudulent statements to a government agency--three counts. He was held on \$20,000.00 bail which was reduced on August 26, 1952 to \$15,000.00.

On September 24, 1952, ENGELSON pled not guilty and on November 7, 1952, changed his plea to guilty. On December 11, 1952, imposition of sentence was suspended on counts one and two and he was placed on probation for two years, subject to the standing order of the court. He was fined \$1,000.00 on count three, to be paid during the period of probation.

On March 2, 1953, DAVID ENGELSON was contacted on the street at 11:35 P.M. by SAs JOHN C. WILLIAMS and ROBERT F. FAY. He was invited to the New York Office and an attempt was made to interview ENGELSON. ENGELSON consented to accompany the Agents to the New York Office and upon arrival stated that prior to answering any questions he would like to confer with his attorney and recontact the New York Office on March 6, 1953.

On March 6, 1953, ENGELSON was recontacted and advised that he had nothing to say to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; had not consulted an attorney, had no immediate plans to do so, and that his final decision was to "say nothing".

Simultaneously with the interview of DAVID ENGELSON, his wife, MARY ENGELSON, was interviewed at ENGELSON'S residence which was known as the Goose Neck Chain and Snap Band Company, 9 Perry Street, New York, New York, by SAs JOHN A. HARRINGTON and VINCENT J. C'HILL. Mrs. ENGELSON said she was acquainted with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and identified photographs of both. She said that she knew them as neighbors but advised that she and her husband were not intimate or close friends of the ROSENBERGS. She said that she became acquainted with ETHEL ROSENBERG through meeting her at the playground in Kriegerbocker Village where she and ETHEL took their children. Mrs. ENGELSON said she always felt that the ROSENBERGS were poor because of their manner of dress and as a result she gave ETHEL ROSENBERG a box of discarded clothing which her children had outgrown. Further, she advised that ETHEL and ETHEL picked these clothes up at the ENGELSON apartment. She stated this was the

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only time ETHEL ROSENBERG had ever been in the ENGELSON apartment and she did not recall when this occurred, and she said that ETHEL had her younger son in a carriage at the time and brought him with her, leaving the carriage outside.

Mrs. ENGELSON further advised that neither she nor her husband had ever been in the ROSENBERG apartment and said that neither of the ROSENBERGS had ever left a package at the ENGELSON apartment for safekeeping. She said she never received anything from the ROSENBERGS to hold. She stated she was sure that her husband never received anything from JULIUS to hold although he was also acquainted with the ROSENBERGS.

ALFRED ABRAHAM PUHN

The aforementioned records of Knickerbocker Village reflect that one ALFRED ABRAHAM PUHN resided in 1953 in this housing project at 40 Monroe Street, with his wife, HELEN, and one child, LAUREL. The records reflected that their residence began on October 1, 1938, and that PUHN was self-employed as a photographer with his studio located at 156 East 47th Street, New York City.

Mrs. MADALYN F. MAHANY, 201 West 80th Street, New York, New York, on February 26, 1951, advised SA JOHN W. SCANNELL that she formerly worked at the National Maritime Union, 346 West 17th Street, New York City, and was acquainted with PUHN from approximately 1943 to 1946. She stated that during this time PUHN was employed as a photographer for "The Pilot", the National Maritime Union paper. Mrs. MAHANY stated that she believed PUHN was a Communist during that period for the following reasons: (1) Conversations with PUHN in which he adhered strictly to the CP as proclaimed at that time; (2) PUHN had an appointed position with the National Maritime Union and at that time Mrs. MAHANY believed no one but a CP member could have an appointed position because the National Maritime Union was controlled and dominated by the CP; (3) PUHN often told Mrs. MAHANY of his attending social gatherings being run by the CP and even invited Mrs. MAHANY to attend some of them.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1945 that HELEN PUHN of 40 Monroe Street, New York City, was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker", and had been affiliated with the East Side Club of the CP. T-2 also

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advised that HELEN FUHN signed a pledge card issued by the CP Campaign Committee, 799 Broadway, New York City, to canvass for the re-election of BENJAMIN DAVIS to the City Council of New York City. T-2 obtained this information from [REDACTED]

Records of the Board of Elections, New York County, New York City, reflected that ALFRED FUHN registered under the American Labor Party for the years 1940, 1942, 1944-1946. These records reflected that HELEN FUHN registered under the American Labor Party for the years 1940, 1942, and 1944-1949.

On April 7, 1953, ALFRED FUHN was interviewed by SAs ROBERT F. ROYAL and THOMAS E. McQUEENY, JR. FUHN advised he was self-employed in the photography business, operating from a second floor loft located at 158 East 47th Street, New York City. FUHN stated he resided at 40 Monroe Street, New York City, with his wife, HELEN, and a four year old daughter, MARI ANN.

FUHN advised that he purchased his photography business from one EDWARD BLAKEMAN who had a photography business at 52 West 57th Street, New York City. FUHN stated that BLAKEMAN was formerly located at 158 East 47th Street, and that on August 18, 1950, he purchased from BLAKEMAN this business for \$450.00. FUHN produced a Bill of Sale evidencing this transaction. FUHN also produced a letter from Powers Regulator Company, 231 East 46th Street, New York City, who were the former owners of 158 East 47th Street, New York City, dated August 18, 1950, confirming his rental of the premises at \$50.00 per month.

FUHN estimated that he owned approximately \$5,000.00 (book value) worth of photography equipment, which he had been accumulating since the late 1930's. FUHN advised that some of his equipment was purchased upon or after he assumed his present tenancy. Prior to this tenancy, FUHN advised he purchased a Leica camera from Willoughby's Camera Store, New York City. At this time he took a business trip to Florida and upon his return, returned this camera to Willoughby's due to the fact it did not function properly. FUHN advised that he paid a

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rental for the time the Leica camera was in his possession and that the difference between the purchase price and the amount of the rental was refunded to him.

PUGH produced a Bill of Sale from the Park Motors Sales, Inc., 1874 Broadway, New York City, dated January 9, 1950, for the purchase of a 1950 Mercury automobile. The above Bill of Sale reflected that PUGH turned in a Plymouth automobile for \$475.00 which was allowed from the purchase price of \$2,405 for the new 1950 Mercury. The above Bill of Sale reflected that the 1950 Mercury was paid for in cash. PUGH advised that after the purchase of the above automobile both he and his wife left on the business trip to Florida.

PUGH stated that after his return from Florida, which was a period of about three or four months, he purchased another Leica camera from Olden Camera and Lens Company, 1265 Broadway, New York City. PUGH exhibited this camera, which had serial number 231169, and explained that he paid about \$100.00 in cash and traded in a Polliciflex camera for this Leica camera. PUGH also exhibited a Range Finder, serial number 10627, which he used in connection with his Leica camera.

PUGH explained that the funds for the Leica camera, the new automobile, the photography equipment, and the purchase of the photography business were obtained through cashing savings bonds. PUGH advised that he and his wife cashed in savings bonds which they had been accumulating through the 1935-1950 period, which he estimated were worth between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00. He stated that he still has a few of the savings bonds mentioned above.

PUGH advised that prior to August 18, 1950, from approximately 1946 to 1950, he operated a free lance photography business from his residence at 40 Monroe Street (Knickerbocker Village), New York City. PUGH stated he was unable to recall anyone ever leaving a Leica camera and a sum of money in his possession. He denied being acquainted with JULIUS or ETHEL ROSENBERG. PUGH stated that he had considered moving into a suburban home on several occasions; however, he did not have money to buy a house and never actually looked for one.

PUGH denied that he was or had ever been a member of the CP. He explained that on one occasion he went to a meeting of the East Side Section of the CP in New York City, which was

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located on East Broadway and that he had, on several occasions, been approached by unnamed individuals to join the CP. PUNN advised that through his photography business he had covered CP mass meetings and gatherings and that many photographs taken by him had appeared in the "Daily Worker". He recalled that on one occasion he did a job for possibly the Chelsea Section of the CP, whose headquarters were located on Eighth Avenue and West 17th Street, New York City. He produced two photographs, one showing the library and the other a club room of the CP meeting place at Eighth Avenue and West 17th Street, New York City.

PUNN also advised that he lectured on labor photography on one occasion at the Jefferson School of Social Science in response to a request by some woman whose name he could not recall. He placed the time somewhere between 1945 and 1947. PUNN explained that while employed by "The Pilot" as a staff photographer from 1942 to 1944, he became known as a "labor photographer".

T-3, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on April 7, 1953 that ALFRED PUNN opened a regular checking account at the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 50th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, on September 19, 1951. T-3 stated that PUNN maintains an average balance of approximately \$500.00 in this account.

T-4, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on April 7, 1953 that HELEN PUNN, wife of ALFRED PUNN, has a savings account in the Bowery Savings Bank, Bowery and Grand Streets, New York City, which at that time showed a balance of \$194.79. T-4 advised that the average balance of this account was a low three figure balance and the account, as of July, 1950, had a balance of \$67.51. The account did not have any additions until interest was posted during January, 1951.

The above information furnished by T-3 and T-4 was furnished on a strictly confidential basis and should not be made public without the prior issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Mr. GEORGE C. SHAFER, Willoughby's Camera Store, Inc., advised in April, 1953, that his records reflected that ALFRED PUNN bought a used Leica camera on January 12, 1950 for \$249.50, serial number of which was shown as 42278, and the serial number of the above lens was shown as 42004. The records of



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this store further reflected that FURH returned one used Leica camera, serial number 402338, on March 11, 1950, for which FURH received a refund of \$100.07. Mr. SHAPIRO advised that the discrepancy in the serial number of the camera bought and the one returned was probably an error in their records in that FURH might have bought a camera with serial number 42278 on January 12, 1950, and then returned the camera a few days later in order to exchange it for camera with serial number 402338 because of a malfunction or other failure of the original camera. Mr. SHAPIRO stated there was a possibility that their records did not reflect the last exchange of the camera. This was the only explanation Mr. SHAPIRO could give for FURH buying a Leica camera with serial number 42278 on January 12, 1950, and returning a Leica camera, serial number 402338, on March 11, 1950.

Mr. WILLIAM OLSEN, Olden's Camera and Lens Company, 1265 Broadway, New York City, advised in April, 1953, that his records did not reflect FURH buying a Leica camera from the store. Mr. OLSEN advised, however, that his records could not be considered foolproof and that there was a possibility that FURH did buy a Leica camera at that store.

DAVID and EMILY ALMAN

T-2 advised in 1946 that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN of Knickerbocker Village were engaged in obtaining signatures on petitions for WILLIAM J. DAVIS, Jr., as a candidate for the City Council of New York in 1946. Further, T-2 advised that these individuals were members of the CP, East Side Club, 5 Rutgers Street, New York City. T-2 obtained this information from [redacted]

T-2 has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 9, 1952, furnished a partial list of sponsors of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. This list named DAVID ALMAN as Executive Secretary and EMILY ALMAN as one of the sponsors.

Mr. THOMAS GRAY, Manager, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, advised on October 28, 1954, that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN had resided in that development from 1940 to October 22, 1953, and that their address was 20 Monroe Street. He stated that the records reflected that the ALMANS had two children; a girl, MICHELLE, age 10 in 1953, and JENNIFER, age 5 in 1953. He stated that the ALMANS had moved from Knickerbocker Village on October 22, 1953 and were living at

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Englishtown, New Jersey, address PFD #2, Box 62. Mr. GRAY stated that the ALMANS bought a chicken farm at Englishtown and that on occasion Mrs. ALMAN comes back to Knickerbocker Village to sell fresh eggs and chickens to the residents.

Mr. JAMES HARRIS, guard of Knickerbocker Village, advised SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON in November, 1954, that he knew the ALMANS for a great many years and they were good friends of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. He stated that they were working for the Rosenberg Committee and had distributed literature of this committee throughout the development. He stated that the ALMANS had two children.

Investigation to Determine Financial Resources of the ALMANS

T-6, who is familiar with legal matters pertaining to the purchase of a home in Englishtown, New Jersey, by DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, advised on December 30, 1954 that the purchase took place during October, 1953. He advised that the price was \$13,500.00 and the ALMANS furnished a mortgage in the amount of \$1,900.00 and cash in the amount of \$4,600.00. He stated that the title to this property is in the names of EMILY and DAVID ALMAN and CECILIA ARROW, whom T-6 identified as EMILY ALMAN's mother.

on February 7, 1955,  
T-6 also stated that one SIMON FEDERMAN had a \$2,000.00 mortgage on this property and that FEDERMAN maintains an office at 162 West 34th Street, New York City. He advised that the aforementioned \$2,000.00 mortgage held by FEDERMAN was a second mortgage negotiated by the ALMANS at the time that they purchased their present residence.

The records of the Middlesex County Clerk's Office, Middlesex County Court House, New Brunswick, New Jersey, were checked by SA EDWARD E. GIBBY, JR. on February 18, 1955, and Discharge Book Number 22, page 222, reflected that the mortgage given by DAVID ALMAN, EMILY ALMAN, and CECILIA ARROW to SIMON FEDERMAN, 162 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was discharged on May 24, 1954, and that the discharge was recorded on June 15, 1954.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that one SIMON FEDERMAN was one of the founders of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.



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Mr. THOMAS GRAY, Manager, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, advised SA JUNE A. HARRINGTON on October 20, 1954 that after reviewing available records concerning DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, formerly of 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, he possessed no information concerning their financial assets or their banking affiliations.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, checked on December 10, 1954 by SA RICHARD P. O'HARA, failed to reflect any pertinent financial data or indicate any banking affiliations of the ALMANS.

T-8 and T-9, who are familiar with financial data of New York residents, advised in December, 1954, that they possessed no information concerning DAVID and EMILY ALMAN.

On February 1, 1954, T-10, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised that EMILY ALMAN paid \$30.00 to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1950 Sixth Avenue, New York City, on January 6 and 12, 1954, and that these payments were made by checks drawn on the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City.

T-11, who is in a position to furnish information of record, on December 15, 1954 advised that EMILY ALMAN, 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, maintains a special checking account at the Manufacturers Trust Company Branch, 230 Second Avenue, New York City.

T-12, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on December 22, 1954 that EMILY ALMAN, 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, opened a special checking account on October 2, 1952 at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 230 Second Avenue, New York City, with a deposit of \$150.00. He stated that the average balance maintained was carried in low three figures, averaging approximately \$125.00. He further stated that the balance as of December 22, 1954, was \$6.00. T-12 stated that all deposits and withdrawals were small and that the account failed to reflect any unusual deposits. He stated that there was a notation on this account that EMILY ALMAN had a previous account with the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City.

T-11 advised that EMILY ALMAN is listed in the records of the Manufacturers Trust Company in New York City as having a

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special interest savings account at the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company. It was pointed out that this information was originally furnished by EMILY ALMAN when she opened her current account in October, 1952.

T-13, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on January 14, 1955 that the available records at the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, failed to reflect any record of an account by EMILY ALMAN.

On March 3, 1955, T-13 advised that a further search of available records of the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company failed to reflect any record of an account under the names DAVID or EMILY ALMAN, or under the maiden name of EMILY ARROW.

T-14, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on December 3 and 6, 1954, that EMILY ALMAN opened a checking account at the First National Bank, Englishtown, New Jersey, on April 27, 1954, with a deposit of \$500.00. Subsequent deposits to this account, seven in number, vary from \$10.00 to \$77.00 and none of the checks drawn on this account were larger than \$86.70. The present balance of the account was \$1.31.

T-14 further stated that DAVID ALMAN opened a checking account at the First National Bank, Englishtown, New Jersey, on December 30, 1953, with a deposit of \$1,000.00, which he believed was in the form of a check. T-14, however, was unable to furnish any further details concerning this item. T-14 advised that deposits were made by DAVID ALMAN on January 26, 1954 and February 17, 1954 of checks in the amount of \$1,000.00 each, drawn on the personal accounts of one CHARLES T. REUSER or CHARLES T. ST WART at the Public National Bank and Trust Company, New York City. T-14 noted that the balance in the aforementioned checking account of DAVID ALMAN was, at that time, \$132.75.

T-15, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on April 6, 1955, that there was no record of a CHARLES T. ST WART or a CHARLES T. REUSER in the files of the Public National Bank and Trust Company, 37 Broadway, New York City. He further advised that the central indices of the bank failed to reflect any record of an account of the aforementioned individuals in the 24 New York City branch offices. He stated

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that the bank maintains no record of special checking accounts and that in all probability these checks were drawn on such accounts.

The foregoing information furnished by T-10, T-11, T-12, T-13, T-14, and T-15 was furnished on a strictly confidential basis and should not be made public without the prior issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

RE: CECILIA ARROW

T-5 advised on December 30, 1954, that CECILIA ARROW is EMILY ARROW's mother.

T-8 and T-9 advised on March 15, 1955, that they possessed no financial or credit information concerning CECILIA G. ARROW, 30-32 Poplar Avenue, Sea Gate, Brooklyn, New York.

The files of the Credit Bureau for Greater New York were checked by SE RICHARD P. SMITH on March 3, 1955, and failed to reflect any record of CECILIA ARROW.

Lieutenant WILLIAM ROBERT, Sea Gate Association Police Department, advised SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN on March 23, 1955, that the records of the association reflect that CECILIA ARROW resides at 30-32 Poplar Avenue as a tenant and is not a property owner. He stated that the Sea Gate Association possessed no information concerning her and would not be engaged in any financial transactions with her. He stated he was not aware of her banking affiliations.

T-16, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that CECILIA ARROW, 30-32 Poplar Avenue, Sea Gate, Brooklyn, New York, received no correspondence in the months of May, July, and August, 1955, which would indicate any banking or financial associations.

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DOCUMENTATIONS

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"DAILY WORKER"

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication.

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY (ALP)

T-17, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-17 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1955, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

HOWARD BUSHNORN, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American", advised in January, 1952, that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

T-7 advised on June 7, 1954, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG Case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the CP takes an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 14, 1954, that the Communist Party, USA, directs the activities of the NCSJRC. On June 30, 1955, T-18 advised that the NCSJRC continues to maintain National offices at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City, and continues to be fairly active in major cities throughout the United States. According to T-18, the key objectives are to free SOBELL and to continue protesting the innocence of the ROSENBERGS.

T-7, on August 4, 1955, advised that the CP continued active interest in the NCSJRC and was attempting to secure the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, to the East coast.

MORTON SOBELL

MORTON SOBELL was found guilty March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union along with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, and on April 5, 1951 was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

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T-1 [REDACTED]	Info re activities of JULIUS ROSENBERG	1/3/51 3/19/51 4/11/51 6/1/51 6/2/51.	SAs WILLIAM F. HORTON & JOHN A. HARRINGTON	65-15348
T-2 [REDACTED]	CP activities of HARRY FUHN. Re ALMANS	2/21/45 9/19/45 1946	SA HERBERT W. FROWELL Unknown	100-26603-1A-607 100-66672-3
T-3 [REDACTED] Chemical Bank & Trust Co., 50th St. and Lexington Ave., NYC.	Banking data	4/7/53	SA THOMAS F. McQUEENEY	100-65457-23
T-4 [REDACTED] Bowery Savings Bank, Bowery & Grant St., NYC.	Banking data	4/7/53	SA THOMAS F. McQUEENEY	100-65457-23
T-5 [REDACTED]	List of sponsors, ROSENBERG	6/9/52	SA EVERETT K. DEANE	100-107111-1873
T-6 [REDACTED]	Re purchase of ALMAN home	12/30/54	SA HARVEY M. JOHNSON	65-15348-2736
[REDACTED]	Re SIMON FEDERMAN (per request)	2/7/55	"	"
T-7 [REDACTED]	Documentation of SIMON FEDERMAN. Documentation of National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Documentation of American Labor Party.			

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T-8 [REDACTED]	Financial data	12/10/54 3/15/55	SA GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER	65-15348-2730 and -2740
T-9 [REDACTED]	Financial data	12/17/54 3/15/55	SA GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER	65-15348-2730 and -2740
T-10 [REDACTED] Times Square Branch, Chase Nat'l Bank.	Banking info re NCSJRC	2/1/54	SA EDWARD J. CAHILL	100-107111
T-11 [REDACTED] Legal Dept., Manufacturers Trust Co., NYC.	Re checking account of EMILY ALMAN	12/15/54	SA EDWARD J. CAHILL	100-107111
T-12 [REDACTED] 230 Second Ave. Branch, Manufacturers Trust Co.	Re checking account of EMILY ALMAN	12/22/54	SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN	100-107111
T-13 [REDACTED] Manufacturers Trust Co. Branch, 407 Broadway.	Re checking account of EMILY ALMAN.	1/14/55 3/3/55	SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN	100-107111

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T-14 [REDACTED] First Nat'l Bank, English- town, N. J.	Re check-in- account of EMILY ALLEN	12/3, 6/54	SA HARVEY M. JOHNSON	65-15348-2728
T-15 [REDACTED] Bankers Trust Co., 37 Broad St., NYC.	Banking info	4/6/55	SA MARTIN McGUINN	65-15348-2740
T-16 Mail cover placed with Postmaster, Brooklyn, NY.	Correspondents of CECILIA BREW	May, July, 1955	RICHARD L. MINIHAN	Instant report
T-17 [REDACTED] (by request)	Documentation of American Labor Party.			
T-18 [REDACTED]	Documentation of National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.			

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MISCELLANEOUS

The dates on which T-1 furnished information concerning JULIUS ROSENBERG have not been set forth in the details of this report in order to adequately conceal the identity of the informant inasmuch as both were inmates of the Federal House of Detention, West Street, New York City, during that period of time, and T-1 was the only inmate in a position to converse with JULIUS ROSENBERG.

Information concerning the Board of Elections check of ALFRED and HELEN THORN was reported in the report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON dated 6/18/53 at New York, in the case entitled "JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R". The identity of the reviewing Agent and the date of review was not set forth.

For the information of the Newark Office, the Bureau has instructed that investigation to locate the recipients of the Leica camera and the money should be conducted separately from the case entitled "JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R", Newark file 65-4085.

LEADS

NEWARK (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished the Newark Office for information in view of the fact that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN reside within the Newark Field Division.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

- 1) Will request Bureau permission for continuation of mail cover on CECILIA ARNOW.
- 2) Will contact banks in the vicinity of the Sea Gate area of Brooklyn and attempt to locate a bank account for CECILIA ARNOW.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York dated 7/22/55 in the case entitled JULIUS ROSENBERG, was., ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>NEW YORK</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> SEP 11 1955	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> 9/2,6,7,8/55	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> RICHARD A. MINIHAN <span style="float: right;">jos</span>
<b>TITLE</b> UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: Recipients of Leica Camera and \$7,000.00 from ETHEL ROSENBERG, June, 1950			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> ESPIONAGE - R

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informant advised that JULIUS ROSENBERG stated that when he was first questioned by FBI, 6/16/50, his wife, ETHEL, removed \$7,000.00 and a Leica camera from their apartment and delivered it for safekeeping to a couple who lived in Knickerbocker Village and were good friends of ROSENBERGS. This couple were members of the CP, had two children, and were considering buying their own home. The husband was a member of the ALP. One DAVID ENGELSON, acquainted with JULIUS ROSENBERG, resided in Knickerbocker Village in 1950. ENGELSON signed CP nominating petitions in 41, 42 and 45, and has two sons. ENGELSON, on 3/6/53, stated he had nothing to say to the FBI. ENGELSON's wife, MARY, advised same date she was acquainted with ETHEL ROSENBERG but had never received anything from the ROSENBERGS. One ALFRED PUHN resided in Knickerbocker Village in 1950, and was believed by one Mrs. MAHANY to be a Communist. PUHN affiliated with ALP and has one child. In interview, he stated he did not know the ROSENBERGS. DAVID and EMILY ALMAN resided in Knickerbocker Village in 1950, had two children, solicited signatures for CP petition in 1946, and purchased home in Englishtown, New Jersey, in 1953. ALMANs active in National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Financial data concerning ALMANs set forth.

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DETAILS:

PREDICATION

This case is predicated on information received from T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, but whose background is questionable. Following is a summary of information received from T-1:

T-1 stated that ROSENBERG claimed to have had \$7,000.00 in cash and a Leica camera in his apartment at the time he was first questioned by Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents (June 16, 1950). ROSENBERG stated that he refused to give the Agents consent to search his apartment and that evening upon his return to the apartment he took the \$7,000.00 and the Leica camera and gave them to his wife, ETHEL. The next morning, ETHEL ROSENBERG removed the \$7,000.00 and the Leica camera in a brown paper shopping bag and brought them to the apartment of a Communist Party (CP) member who also lived in Knickerbocker Village (10 - 40 Monroe Street, New York 2, New York). ROSENBERG stated that the friend was not aware of the contents of the brown paper shopping bag and was merely safeguarding it for the ROSENBERGS until they returned to claim it.

ROSENBERG described the recipients of the camera and \$7,000.00 as staunch friends who had a couple of children and lived in Knickerbocker Village. The husband was thinking of buying his own home and was a member of the American Labor Party (ALP) in that section.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union. On April 5, 1951 they were sentenced to death, and on June 19, 1953 were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York.

SUSPECTS

DAVID ENGELSON, with alias:  
Dave Engels

T-1 advised that ROSENBERG stated that one DAVE ENGELS was the organizer of the CP Club of which ROSENBERG was a member.

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On January 30, 1953, DAVID GREENGLASS advised SA JAMES WOOD at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, that he was acquainted with one DAVID ENGELSON, also known as DAVE ENGELS, and that JULIUS ROSENBERG was also acquainted with ENGELS.

On April 6, 1951, DAVID GREENGLASS, after entering a plea of guilty to the charge of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

On February 9, 1953, Mrs. LUCILLE RAINES of the Knickerbocker Village Renting Office, advised SA ROBERT F. ROYAL that DAVID ENGELSON and his wife, MARY, reside in Apartment JA-4, 16 Monroe Street (a part of 10 Monroe Street). Mrs. RAINES advised that as of July, 1951, ENGELSON had two sons, RICHARD, age 10, and STEPHEN, age 6. She stated that the ENGELSONS moved to Knickerbocker Village on January 1, 1942 and had resided in Apartment DI-3, 36 Monroe Street, from January 1, 1942 until October, 1943. She stated that the records reflect that the ENGELSONS gave as a previous address 62 Sheriff Street.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigations of the New York City Police Department, as checked by SA JOHN SULLIVAN on December 15, 1952, revealed that page 192 of an Independent Nominating Petition for EARL BROWDER, dated January 20, 1940, was witnessed by DAVID ENGELSON, 62 Sheriff Street, New York.

It is to be noted that EARL BROWDER was formerly General Secretary of the CP.

The records further reflected that ENGELSON, while residing at 62 Sheriff Street, signed CP nominating petitions for IRODSKY and ANTER-SANTIAGO on September 7, 1941. Again on August 16, 1942, while residing at 40 Monroe Street, New York City, ENGELSON signed a CP nominating petition for ANTER, and in 1945, while residing at 10 Monroe Street, New York City, signed a CP nominating petition for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

On February 20, 1953, SE ANNROSE W. CONROY ascertained through a check of the records of the Board of Elections for the Borough of Manhattan that DAVID and MARY ENGELSON registered with the American Labor Party for the years 1948, 1949, 1950, and 1951.

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The records of the Clerk's Office, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, re checked in February, 1953, by SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, reflected that on August 25, 1952, ENGELSON was arrested by the United States Secret Service for violations of Title 18, Section 1001, and Title 12, Section 95(a), United States Code, and under Executive Order 6260, for illegal acquisition and holding of gold; false and fraudulent statements to a government agency--three counts. He was held on \$20,000.00 bail which was reduced on August 26, 1952 to \$15,000.00.

On September 24, 1952, ENGELSON pled not guilty and on November 7, 1952, changed his plea to guilty. On December 11, 1952, imposition of sentence was suspended on counts one and two and he was placed on probation for two years, subject to the standing order of the court. He was fined \$1,000.00 on count three, to be paid during the period of probation.

On March 2, 1953, DAVID ENGELSON was contacted on the street at 11:35 a.m. by SAs JOHN G. WILLIS and ROBERT F. ROYAL. He was invited to the New York Office and an attempt was made to interview ENGELSON. ENGELSON consented to accompany the Agents to the New York Office and upon arrival stated that prior to answering any questions he would like to confer with his attorney and recontact the New York Office on March 6, 1953.

On March 6, 1953, ENGELSON was recontacted and advised that he had nothing to say to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; had not consulted an attorney, had no immediate plans to do so, and that his final decision was to "say nothing".

Simultaneously with the interview of DAVID ENGELSON on March 2, 1953, his wife, MARY ENGELSON, was interviewed at ENGELSON's business which was known as the Goose Neck Chain and Snap Band Company, 9 Ferry Street, New York, New York, by SAs JOHN A. HARRINGTON and VINCENT J. C'HILL. Mrs. ENGELSON said she was acquainted with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and identified photographs of both. She said that she knew them as neighbors but advised that she and her husband were not intimate or close friends of the ROSENBERGS. She said that she became acquainted with ETHEL ROSENBERG through meeting her at the playground in Knickerbocker Village where she and ETHEL took their children. Mrs. ENGELSON said she always felt that the ROSENBERGS were poor because of their manner of dress and as a result she gave ETHEL ROSENBERG a box of discarded clothing which her children had outgrown. Further, she advised that ETHEL ROSENBERG picked these clothes up at the ENGELSON apartment. She stated this was the

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only time ETHEL ROSENBERG had ever been in the ENGELSON apartment and she did not recall when this occurred, and she said that ETHEL had her younger son in a carriage at the time and brought him with her, leaving the carriage outside.

Mrs. ENGELSON further advised that neither she nor her husband had ever been in the ROSENBERG apartment and said that neither of the ROSENBERGS had ever left a package at the ENGELSON apartment for safekeeping. She said she never received anything from the ROSENBERGS to hold. She stated she was sure that her husband never received anything from JULIUS to hold although he was also acquainted with the ROSENBERGS.

ALFRED ABRAHAM PUHN

The aforementioned records of Knickerbocker Village reflect that one ALFRED ABRAHAM PUHN resided in 1953 in this housing project at 40 Monroe Street, with his wife, HELEN, and one child, LAURI. The records reflected that their residence began on October 1, 1938, and that PUHN was self-employed as a photographer with his studio located at 158 East 47th Street, New York City.

Mrs. MADALYN F. MAHANY, 201 West 80th Street, New York, New York, on February 26, 1951, advised SA JOHN W. SCANNELL that she formerly worked at the National Maritime Union, 346 West 17th Street, New York City, and was acquainted with PUHN from approximately 1943 to 1946. She stated that during this time PUHN was employed as a photographer for "The Pilot", the National Maritime Union paper. Mrs. MAHANY stated that she believed PUHN was a Communist during that period for the following reasons: (1) Conversations with PUHN in which he adhered strictly to the CP as proclaimed at that time; (2) PUHN had an appointed position with the National Maritime Union and at that time Mrs. MAHANY believed no one but a CP member could have an appointed position because the National Maritime Union was controlled and dominated by the CP; (3) PUHN often told Mrs. MAHANY of his attending social gatherings being run by the CP and even invited Mrs. MAHANY to attend some of them.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1945 that HELEN PUHN of 40 Monroe Street, New York City, was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker", and had been affiliated with the East Side Club of the CP. T-2 also



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advised that HELEN PUHN signed a pledge card issued by the CP Campaign Committee, 799 Broadway, New York City, to canvass for the re-election of BENJAMIN DAVIS to the City Council of New York City. T-2 obtained this information from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Records of the Board of Elections, New York County, New York City, reflected that ALFRED PUHN registered under the American Labor Party for the years 1940, 1942, 1944-1946. These records reflected that HELEN PUHN registered under the American Labor Party for the years 1940, 1942, and 1944-1949.

On April 7, 1953, ALFRED PUHN was interviewed by SAs ROBERT F. ROYAL and THOMAS E. McQUEENY, JR. PUHN advised he was self-employed in the photography business, operating from a second floor loft located at 158 East 47th Street, New York City. PUHN stated he resided at 40 Monroe Street, New York City, with his wife, HELEN, and a four year old daughter, LAURI ANN.

PUHN advised that he purchased his photography business from one EDWARD BLAKEMAN who had a photography business at 52 West 57th Street, New York City. PUHN stated that BLAKEMAN was formerly located at 158 East 47th Street, and that on August 18, 1950, he purchased from BLAKEMAN this business for \$450.00. PUHN produced a Bill of Sale evidencing this transaction. PUHN also produced a letter from Towers Regulator Company, 231 East 46th Street, New York City, who were the former owners of 158 East 47th Street, New York City, dated August 18, 1950, confirming his rental of the premises at \$50.00 per month.

PUHN estimated that he owned approximately \$5,000.00 (book value) worth of photography equipment, which he had been accumulating since the late 1930's. PUHN advised that some of his equipment was purchased upon or after he assumed his present tenancy. Prior to this tenancy, PUHN advised he purchased a Leica camera from Willoughby's Camera Store, New York City. At this time he took a business trip to Florida and upon his return, returned this camera to Willoughby's due to the fact it did not function properly. PUHN advised that he paid a

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rental for the time the Leica camera was in his possession and that the difference between the purchase price and the amount of the rental was refunded to him.

PUHN produced a Bill of Sale from the Park Motors Sales, Inc., 1804 Broadway, New York City, dated January 9, 1950, for the purchase of a 1950 Mercury automobile. The above Bill of Sale reflected that PUHN turned in a Plymouth automobile for \$475.00 which was allowed from the purchase price of \$2,405 for the new 1950 Mercury. The above Bill of Sale reflected that the 1950 Mercury was paid for in cash. PUHN advised that after the purchase of the above automobile both he and his wife left on the business trip to Florida.

PUHN stated that after his return from Florida, which was a period of about three or four months, he purchased another Leica camera from Olden Camera and Lens Company, 1265 Broadway, New York City. PUHN exhibited this camera, which had serial number 231169, and explained that he paid about \$100.00 in cash and traded in a Rolleflex camera for this Leica camera. PUHN also exhibited a Range Finder, serial number 10627, which he used in connection with his Leica camera.

PUHN explained that the funds for the Leica camera, the new automobile, the photography equipment, and the purchase of the photography business were obtained through cashing savings bonds. PUHN advised that he and his wife cashed in savings bonds which they had been accumulating through the 1935-1950 period, which he estimated were worth between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00. He stated that he still has a few of the savings bonds mentioned above.

PUHN advised that prior to August 18, 1950, from approximately 1946 to 1950, he operated a free lance photography business from his residence at 40 Monroe Street (Knickerbocker Village), New York City. PUHN stated he was unable to recall anyone ever leaving a Leica camera and a sum of money in his possession. He denied being acquainted with JULIUS or ETHEL ROSENBERG. PUHN stated that he had considered moving into a suburban home on several occasions; however, he did not have money to buy a house and never actually looked for one.

PUHN denied that he was or had ever been a member of the CP. He explained that on one occasion he went to a meeting of the East Side Section of the CP in New York City, which was



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located on East Broadway and that he had, on several occasions, been approached by unnamed individuals to join the CP. PUMN advised that through his photography business he had covered CP mass meetings and gatherings and that many photographs taken by him had appeared in the "Daily Worker". He recalled that on one occasion he did a job for possibly the Chelsea Section of the CP, whose headquarters were located on Eighth Avenue and West 17th Street, New York City. He produced two photographs, one showing the library and the other a club room of the CP meeting place at Eighth Avenue and West 17th Street, New York City.

PUMN also advised that he lectured on labor photography on one occasion at the Jefferson School of Social Science in response to a request by some woman whose name he could not recall. He placed the time somewhere between 1945 and 1947. PUMN explained that while employed by "The Pilot" as a staff photographer from 1942 to 1946, he became known as a "labor photographer".

T-3, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on April 7, 1953 that ALFRED PUMN opened a regular checking account at the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 50th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, on September 19, 1951. T-3 stated that PUMN maintains an average balance of approximately \$500.00 in this account.

T-4, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on April 7, 1953 that HELEN PUMN, wife of ALFRED PUMN, has a savings account in the Fowery Savings Bank, Fowery and Grand Streets, New York City, which at that time showed a balance of \$198.79. T-4 advised that the average balance of this account was a low three figure balance and the account, as of July, 1950, had a balance of \$67.81. The account did not have any additions until interest was posted during January, 1951.

The above information furnished by T-3 and T-4 was furnished on a strictly confidential basis and should not be made public without the prior issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Mr. GEORGE C. SHAFER, Willoughby's Camera Store, Inc., advised in April, 1953, that his records reflected that ALFRED PUMN bought a used Leica camera on January 12, 1950 for \$249.50, serial number of which was shown as 42278, and the serial number of the above lens was shown as 42084. The records of

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this store further reflected that PUHN returned one used Leica camera, serial number 402338, on March 11, 1950, for which PUHN received a refund of \$190.87. Mr. SHAEFER advised that the discrepancy in the serial number of the camera bought and the one returned was probably an error in their records in that PUHN might have bought a camera with serial number 42278 on January 12, 1950, and then returned the camera a few days later in order to exchange it for camera with serial number 402338 because of a malfunction or other failure of the original camera. Mr. SHAEFER stated there was a possibility that their records did not reflect the first exchange of the camera. This was the only explanation Mr. SHAEFER could give for PUHN buying a Leica camera with serial number 42278 on January 12, 1950, and returning a Leica camera, serial number 402338, on March 11, 1950.

Mr. WILLIAM OLDEN, Olden's Camera and Lens Company, 1265 Broadway, New York City, advised in April, 1953, that his records did not reflect PUHN buying a Leica camera from the store. Mr. OLDEN advised, however, that his records could not be considered foolproof and that there was a possibility that PUHN did buy a Leica camera at that store.

DAVID and EMILY ALMAN

T-2 advised in 1946 that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN of Knickerbocker Village were engaged in obtaining signatures on petitions for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., CP candidate for the City Council of New York in 1946. Further, T-2 advised that these individuals were members of the CP, East Side Club, 5 Rutgers Street, New York City. T-2 obtained this information from [REDACTED]

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 9, 1952, furnished a partial list of sponsors of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. This list named DAVID ALMAN as Executive Secretary and EMILY ALMAN as one of the sponsors.

Mr. THOMAS GRAY, Manager, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, advised SA JOHN L. HARRINGTON on October 28, 1954, that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN had resided in that development from 1940 to October 29, 1953, and that their address was 20 Monroe Street. He stated that the records reflected that the ALMANS had two children; a girl, MICHELLE, age 10 in 1953, and JENNIFER, age 5 in 1953. He stated that the ALMANS had moved from Knickerbocker Village on October 29, 1953 and were living at

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Englishtown, New Jersey, address RFD #2, Box 62. Mr. GRAY stated that the ALMANS bought a chicken farm at Englishtown and that on occasion Mrs. ALMAN comes back to Knickerbocker Village to sell fresh eggs and chickens to the residents.

Mr. JAMES HENIS, guard of Knickerbocker Village, advised SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON in November, 1954, that he knew the ALMANS for a great many years and they were good friends of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. He stated that they were working for the Rosenberg Committee and had distributed literature of this committee throughout the development. He stated that the ALMANS had two children.

Investigation to Determine Financial Resources of the ALMANS

T-6, who is familiar with legal matters pertaining to the purchase of a home in Englishtown, New Jersey, by DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, advised on December 30, 1954 that the purchase took place during October, 1953. He advised that the price was \$13,500.00 and the ALMANS furnished a mortgage in the amount of \$8,900.00 and cash in the amount of \$4,600.00. He stated that the title to this property is in the names of EMILY and DAVID ALMAN and CECILIA ARNOW, whom T-6 identified as EMILY ALMAN's mother.

T-6 also stated <sup>on February 7, 1955</sup> that one SIMON FEDERMAN had a \$2,000.00 mortgage on this property and that FEDERMAN maintains an office at 162 West 34th Street, New York City. He advised that the aforementioned \$2,000.00 mortgage held by FEDERMAN was a second mortgage negotiated by the ALMANS at the time that they purchased their present residence.

The records of the Middlesex County Clerk's Office, Middlesex County Court House, New Brunswick, New Jersey, were checked by SA ROLLO V. CLARK, JR. on February 18, 1955, and Discharge Book Number 22, page 222, reflected that the mortgage given by DAVID ALMAN, EMILY ALMAN, and CECILIA ARNOW to SIMON FEDERMAN, 162 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was discharged on May 24, 1954, and that the discharge was recorded on June 15, 1954.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that one SIMON FEDERMAN was one of the founders of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

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Mr. THOMAS GRAY, Manager, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, advised SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON on October 20, 1954 that after reviewing available records concerning DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, formerly of 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, he possessed no information concerning their financial assets or their banking affiliations.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, checked on December 10, 1954 by SE RICHARD P. O'HARA, failed to reflect any pertinent financial data or indicate any banking affiliations of the ALMANS.

T-8 and T-9, who are familiar with financial data of New York residents, advised in December, 1954, that they possessed no information concerning DAVID and EMILY ALMAN.

On February 1, 1954, T-10, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised that EMILY ALMAN paid \$30.00 to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City, on January 6 and 12, 1954, and that these payments were made by checks drawn on the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City.

T-11, who is in a position to furnish information of record, on December 15, 1954 advised that EMILY ALMAN, 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, maintains a special checking account at the Manufacturers Trust Company Branch, 230 Second Avenue, New York City.

T-12, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on December 22, 1954 that EMILY ALMAN, 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, opened a special checking account on October 2, 1952 at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 230 Second Avenue, New York City, with a deposit of \$150.00. He stated that the average balance maintained was carried in low three figures, averaging approximately \$125.00. He further stated that the balance as of December 22, 1954, was \$6.00. T-12 stated that all deposits and withdrawals were small and that the account failed to reflect any unusual deposits. He stated that there was a notation on this account that EMILY ALMAN had a previous account with the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City.

T-11 advised that EMILY ALMAN is listed in the records of the Manufacturers Trust Company in New York City as having a

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special interest savings account at the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company. It was pointed out that this information was originally furnished by EMILY ALMAN when she opened her current account in October, 1952.

T-13, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on January 14, 1955 that the available records at the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, failed to reflect any record of an account by EMILY ALMAN.

On March 3, 1955, T-13 advised that a further search of available records of the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company failed to reflect any record of an account under the names DAVID or EMILY ALMAN, or under the maiden name of EMILY ARROW.

T-14, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on December 3 and 6, 1954, that EMILY ALMAN opened a checking account at the First National Bank, Englishtown, New Jersey, on April 27, 1954, with a deposit of \$500.00. Subsequent deposits to this account, seven in number, vary from \$10.00 to \$77.00 and none of the checks drawn on this account were larger than \$86.70. The present balance of the account was \$1.31.

T-14 further stated that DAVID ALMAN opened a checking account at the First National Bank, Englishtown, New Jersey, on December 30, 1953, with a deposit of \$1,000.00, which he believed was in the form of a check. T-14, however, was unable to furnish any further details concerning this item. T-14 advised that deposits were made by DAVID ALMAN on January 26, 1954 and February 17, 1954 of checks in the amount of \$1,000.00 each, drawn on the personal accounts of one CHARLES T. NEUSER or CHARLES P. ST WART at the Public National Bank and Trust Company, New York City. T-14 noted that the balance in the aforementioned checking account of DAVID ALMAN was, at that time, \$132.75.

T-15, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on April 6, 1955, that there was no record of a CHARLES P. STEWART or a CHARLES T. NEUSER in the files of the Public National Bank and Trust Company, 37 Broadway, New York City. He further advised that the central indices of the bank failed to reflect any record of an account of the aforementioned individuals in the 24 New York City branch offices. He stated

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that the bank maintains no record of special checking accounts and that in all probability these checks were drawn on such accounts.

The foregoing information furnished by T-10, T-11, T-12, T-13, T-14, and T-15 was furnished on a strictly confidential basis and should not be made public without the prior issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

RE: CECELIA ARNOW

T-6 advised on December 30, 1954, that CECELIA ARNOW is EMILY ALMAN's mother.

T-8 and T-9 advised on March 15, 1955, that they possessed no financial or credit information concerning CECELIA G. ARNOW, 38-32 Poplar Avenue, Sea Gate, Brooklyn, New York.

The files of the Credit Bureau for Greater New York were checked by SE RICHARD F. O'HARA on March 3, 1955, and failed to reflect any record of CECELIA ARNOW.

Lieutenant WILLIAM DOBERG, Sea Gate Association Police Department, advised SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN on March 23, 1955, that the records of the association reflect that CECELIA ARNOW resides at 38-32 Poplar Avenue as a tenant and is not a property owner. He stated that the Sea Gate Association possessed no information concerning her and would not be engaged in any financial transactions with her. He stated he was not aware of her banking affiliations.

T-16, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that CECELIA ARNOW, 38-32 Poplar Avenue, Sea Gate, Brooklyn, New York, received no correspondence in the months of May, July, and August, 1955, which would indicate any banking or financial associations.



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DOCUMENTATIONS

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"DAILY WORKER"

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication.

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY (ALP)

T-17, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1944, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-17 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1955, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.



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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

HOWARD RUSHMORE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American", advised in January, 1952, that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

T-7 advised on June 7, 1954, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG Case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the CP takes an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

T-18, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 15, 1954, that the Communist Party, USA, directs the activities of the NCSJRC. On June 30, 1955, T-18 advised that the NCSJRC continues to maintain National offices at 1950 Sixth Avenue, New York City, and continues to be fairly active in major cities throughout the United States. According to T-18, the key objectives are to free SOBELL and to continue protesting the innocence of the ROSENBERGS.

T-7, on August 4, 1955, advised that the CP continued active interest in the NCSJRC and was attempting to secure the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, to the East coast.

MORTON SOBELL

MORTON SOBELL was found guilty March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union along with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, and on April 5, 1951 was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

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T-1 [REDACTED]	Info re activities of JULIUS ROSENBERG	1/3/51 3/19/51 4/11/51 6/1/51 6/2/51.	SAs WILLIAM F. NORTON & JOHN A. HARRINGTON	65-15348
T-2 [REDACTED]	CP activities of HENRY PUHN. Re ALBERT'S	2/21/45 9/19/45 1945	SA HERBERT W. BROWNELL Unknown	100-26603-1A-607 100-65572-3
T-3 [REDACTED] Chemical Bank & Trust Co., 50th St. and Lexington Ave., NYC.	Banking data	4/7/53	SA THOMAS F. McQUEENEY	100-65457-23
T-4 [REDACTED] Bowery Savings Bank, Bowery & Grant St., NYC.	Banking data	4/7/53	SA THOMAS F. McQUEENEY	100-65457-23
T-5 [REDACTED]	List of sponsors, NCSJRC	6/9/52	SA EVERETT K. DEANE	100-107111-1B73
T-6 [REDACTED]	Re purchase of ALMAN home	12/30/54	SA HARVEY M. JOHNSON	65-15348-2736
[REDACTED]	Re SIMON (per request) FEDERMAN	2/7/55	"	"
T-7 NY 3Ph-S	Documentation of SIMON FEDERMAN. Documentation of National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Documentation of American Labor Party.			

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T-8 [REDACTED]	Financial data	12/10/54 3/15/55	SA GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER	65-15348-2730 and -2740
T-9 [REDACTED]	Financial data	12/10/54 3/15/55	SA GEORGE V. SCHNEIDER	65-15348-2730 and -2740
T-10 [REDACTED] Times Square Branch, Chase Nat'l Bank.	Banking info re NCSJRC	2/1/54	SA EDWARD J. CARILL	100-107111
T-11 [REDACTED] Legal Dept., Manufacturers Trust Co., NYC.	Re checking account of EMILY ALMAN	12/15/54	SA EDWARD J. CARILL	100-107111
T-12 [REDACTED] 230 Second Ave. Branch, Manufacturers Trust Co.	Re checking account of EMILY ALMAN	12/22/54	SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN	100-107111
T-13 [REDACTED] Manufacturers Trust Co. Branch, 407 Broadway.	Re checking account of EMILY ALMAN.	1/14/55 3/3/55	SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN	100-107111

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T-14 [REDACTED] First Nat'l Bank, English- town, N. J.	Re checking account of EMILY ALLEN	12/3, 6/54	SA HARVEY M. JOHNSON	65-15348-2728
T-15 [REDACTED] Bankers Trust Co., 37 Broad St., NYC.	Banking info	4/6/55	SA MARTIN McGUINN	65-15348-2740
T-16 Mail cover placed with Postmaster, Brooklyn, NY.	Correspondents of CECILIA ARROW	May, July, 31 August, 1955	RICHARD A. MINIHAN	Instant report
T-17 [REDACTED] (by request)	Documentation of American Labor Party.			
T-18 [REDACTED]	Documentation of National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.			

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PERSONAL MATTERS

The dates on which T-1 furnished information concerning JULIUS ROSENBERG have not been set forth in the details of this report in order to adequately conceal the identity of the informant inasmuch as both were inmates of the Federal House of Detention, West Street, New York City, during that period of time, and T-1 was the only inmate in a position to converse with JULIUS ROSENBERG.

Information concerning the Board of Elections check of ALFRED and EMILY JUNG was reported in the report of SA JOHN A. HARTINCHY dated 4/18/53 at New York, in the case entitled "JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R". The identity of the reviewing Agent and the date of review was not set forth.

For the information of the Newark Office, the Bureau has instructed that investigation to locate the recipients of the radio camera and the money should be conducted separately from the case entitled "JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R", Newark file 65-4485.

LEADS

NEWARK (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished the Newark Office for information in view of the fact that DAVID and EMILY JUNG reside within the Newark Field Division.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

- 1) Will request Bureau permission on continuation of mail cover on CAGELIA APPEAL.
- 2) Will contact banks in the vicinity of the Sea Gate area of Brooklyn and attempt to locate a bank account for CAGELIA APPEAL.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York dated 7/22/55 in the case entitled JULIUS ROSENBERG, was., ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE SEP 1 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/2,6,7,8/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RICHARD A. MINIHAN</b> <span style="float: right;">jes</span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: Recipients of Leica Camera and \$7,000.00 from ETHEL ROSENBERG, June, 1950</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informant advised that JULIUS ROSENBERG stated that when he was first questioned by FBI, 6/16/50, his wife, ETHEL, removed \$7,000.00 and a Leica camera from their apartment and delivered it for safekeeping to a couple who lived in Knickerbocker Village and were good friends of ROSENBERGS. This couple were members of the CP, had two children, and were considering buying their own home. The husband was a member of the ALP. One DAVID ENGELSON, acquainted with JULIUS ROSENBERG, resided in Knickerbocker Village in 1950. ENGELSON signed CP nominating petitions in 41, 42 and 45, and has two sons. ENGELSON, on 3/6/53, stated he had nothing to say to the FBI. ENGELSON's wife, MARY, advised same date she was acquainted with ETHEL ROSENBERG but had never received anything from the ROSENBERGS. One ALFRED PUHN resided in Knickerbocker Village in 1950, and was believed by one Mrs. MAHANY to be a Communist. PUHN affiliated with ALP and has one child. In interview, he stated he did not know the ROSENBERGS. DAVID and EMILY ALMAN resided in Knickerbocker Village in 1950, had two children, solicited signatures for CP petition in 1946, and purchased home in Englishtown, New Jersey, in 1953. ALMANS active in National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Financial data concerning ALMANS set forth.

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DETAILS:

PREDICATION

This case is predicated on information received from T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, but whose background is questionable. Following is a summary of information received from T-1:

T-1 stated that ROSENBERG claimed to have had \$7,000.00 in cash and a Leica camera in his apartment at the time he was first questioned by Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents (June 16, 1950). ROSENBERG stated that he refused to give the Agents consent to search his apartment and that evening upon his return to the apartment he took the \$7,000.00 and the Leica camera and gave them to his wife, ETHEL. The next morning, ETHEL ROSENBERG removed the \$7,000.00 and the Leica camera in a brown paper shopping bag and brought them to the apartment of a Communist Party (CP) member who also lived in Knickerbocker Village (10 - 40 Monroe Street, New York 2, New York). ROSENBERG stated that the friend was not aware of the contents of the brown paper shopping bag and was merely safeguarding it for the ROSENBERGS until they returned to claim it.

ROSENBERG described the recipients of the camera and \$7,000.00 as staunch friends who had a couple of children and lived in Knickerbocker Village. The husband was thinking of buying his own home and was a member of the American Labor Party (ALP) in that section.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union. On April 5, 1951 they were sentenced to death, and on June 19, 1953 were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York.

SUSPECTS

DAVID ENGELSON, with alias:  
Dave Engels

T-1 advised that ROSENBERG stated that one DAVE ENGELS was the organizer of the CP Club of which ROSENBERG was a member.



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On January 30, 1953, DAVID GREENGLASS advised SA JAMES WOOD at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, that he was acquainted with one DAVID ENGELSON, also known as DAVE ENGELS, and that JULIUS ROSENBERG was also acquainted with ENGELS.

On April 6, 1951, DAVID GREENGLASS, after entering a plea of guilty to the charge of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

On February 9, 1953, Mrs. LUCILLE RAINES of the Knickerbocker Village Renting Office, advised SA ROBERT F. ROYAL that DAVID ENGELSON and his wife, MARY, reside in Apartment JA-4, 16 Monroe Street (a part of 10 Monroe Street). Mrs. RAINES advised that as of July, 1951, ENGELSON had two sons, RICHARD, age 10, and STEPHEN, age 6. She stated that the ENGELSONS moved to Knickerbocker Village on January 1, 1942 and had resided in Apartment DI-3, 36 Monroe Street, from January 1, 1942 until October, 1943. She stated that the records reflect that the ENGELSONS gave as a previous address 62 Sheriff Street.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigations of the New York City Police Department, as checked by SA JOHN SULLIVAN on December 15, 1952, revealed that page 192 of an Independent Nominating Petition for EARL BROWDER, dated January 20, 1940, was witnessed by DAVID ENGELSON, 62 Sheriff Street, New York.

It is to be noted that EARL BROWDER was formerly General Secretary of the CP.

The records further reflected that ENGELSON, while residing at 62 Sheriff Street, signed CP nominating petitions for PRODSKY and AMER-SANTIAGO on September 7, 1941. Again on August 16, 1942, while residing at 40 Monroe Street, New York City, ENGELSON signed a CP nominating petition for AMER, and in 1945, while residing at 10 Monroe Street, New York City, signed a CP nominating petition for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

On February 20, 1953, SE AMROSE W. CONROY ascertained through a check of the records of the Board of Elections for the Borough of Manhattan that DAVID and MARY ENGELSON registered with the American Labor Party for the years 1948, 1949, 1950, and 1951.

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The records of the Clerk's Office, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, as checked in February, 1953, by SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, reflected that on August 25, 1952, ENGELSON was arrested by the United States Secret Service for violations of Title 18, Section 1001, and Title 12, Section 95(a), United States Code, and under Executive Order 6260, for illegal acquisition and holding of gold; false and fraudulent statements to a government agency--three counts. He was held on \$20,000.00 bail which was reduced on August 26, 1952 to \$15,000.00.

On September 24, 1952, ENGELSON pled not guilty and on November 7, 1952, changed his plea to guilty. On December 11, 1952, imposition of sentence was suspended on counts one and two and he was placed on probation for two years, subject to the standing order of the court. He was fined \$1,000.00 on count three, to be paid during the period of probation.

On March 2, 1953, DAVID ENGELSON was contacted on the street at 11:35 a.m. by SAs JOHN G. WILLIS and ROBERT F. ROYAL. He was invited to the New York Office and an attempt was made to interview ENGELSON. ENGELSON consented to accompany the Agents to the New York Office and upon arrival stated that prior to answering any questions he would like to confer with his attorney and recontact the New York Office on March 6, 1953.

On March 6, 1953, ENGELSON was recontacted and advised that he had nothing to say to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; had not consulted an attorney, had no immediate plans to do so, and that his final decision was to "say nothing".

Simultaneously with the interview of DAVID ENGELSON on March 2, 1953, his wife, MARY ENGELSON, was interviewed at ENGELSON's business which was known as the Goose Neck Chain and Snap Band Company, 9 Ferry Street, New York, New York, by SAs JOHN A. HARRINGTON and VINCENT J. CAHILL. Mrs. ENGELSON said she was acquainted with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and identified photographs of both. She said that she knew them as neighbors but advised that she and her husband were not intimate or close friends of the ROSENBERGS. She said that she became acquainted with ETHEL ROSENBERG through meeting her at the playground in Knickerbocker Village where she and ETHEL took their children. Mrs. ENGELSON said she always felt that the ROSENBERGS were poor because of their manner of dress and as a result she gave ETHEL ROSENBERG a box of discarded clothing which her children had outgrown. Further, she advised that ETHEL ROSENBERG picked these clothes up at the ENGELSON apartment. She stated this was the

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only time ETHEL ROSENBERG had ever been in the ENGELSON apartment and she did not recall when this occurred, and she said that ETHEL had her younger son in a carriage at the time and brought him with her, leaving the carriage outside.

Mrs. ENGELSON further advised that neither she nor her husband had ever been in the ROSENBERG apartment and said that neither of the ROSENBERGS had ever left a package at the ENGELSON apartment for safekeeping. She said she never received anything from the ROSENBERGS to hold. She stated she was sure that her husband never received anything from JULIUS to hold although he was also acquainted with the ROSENBERGS.

ALFRED ABRAHAM PUHN

The aforementioned records of Knickerbocker Village reflect that one ALFRED ABRAHAM PUHN resided in 1953 in this housing project at 40 Monroe Street, with his wife, HELEN, and one child, LAURI. The records reflected that their residence began on October 1, 1938, and that PUHN was self-employed as a photographer with his studio located at 158 East 47th Street, New York City.

Mrs. MADALYN F. MAHANY, 201 West 80th Street, New York, New York, on February 26, 1951, advised SA JOHN W. SCANNELL that she formerly worked at the National Maritime Union, 346 West 17th Street, New York City, and was acquainted with PUHN from approximately 1943 to 1946. She stated that during this time PUHN was employed as a photographer for "The Pilot", the National Maritime Union paper. Mrs. MAHANY stated that she believed PUHN was a Communist during that period for the following reasons: (1) Conversations with PUHN in which he adhered strictly to the CP as proclaimed at that time; (2) PUHN had an appointed position with the National Maritime Union and at that time Mrs. MAHANY believed no one but a CP member could have an appointed position because the National Maritime Union was controlled and dominated by the CP; (3) PUHN often told Mrs. MAHANY of his attending social gatherings being run by the CP and even invited Mrs. MAHANY to attend some of them.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1945 that HELEN PUHN of 40 Monroe Street, New York City, was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker", and had been affiliated with the East Side Club of the CP. T-2 also

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advised that HELEN PUHN signed a pledge card issued by the CP Campaign Committee, 799 Broadway, New York City, to canvass for the re-election of BENJAMIN DAVIS to the City Council of New York City. T-2 obtained this information from [REDACTED]

The records of the Board of Elections, New York County, New York City, reflected that ALFRED PUHN registered under the American Labor Party for the years 1940, 1942, 1944-1946. These records reflected that HELEN PUHN registered under the American Labor Party for the years 1940, 1942, and 1944-1949.

On April 7, 1953, ALFRED PUHN was interviewed by SAs ROBERT F. ROYAL and THOMAS E. McQUEENEY, JR. PUHN advised he was self-employed in the photography business, operating from a second floor loft located at 158 East 47th Street, New York City. PUHN stated he resided at 40 Monroe Street, New York City, with his wife, HELEN, and a four year old daughter LAURI ANN.

PUHN advised that he purchased his photography business from one EDWARD BLAKEMAN who had a photography business at 52 West 57th Street, New York City. PUHN stated that BLAKEMAN was formerly located at 158 East 47th Street, and that on August 18, 1950, he purchased from BLAKEMAN this business for \$450.00. PUHN produced a Bill of Sale evidencing this transaction. PUHN also produced a letter from Powers Regulator Company, 231 East 46th Street, New York City, who were the former owners of 158 East 47th Street, New York City, dated August 18, 1950, confirming his rental of the premises at \$50.00 per month.

PUHN estimated that he owned approximately \$5,000.00 (book value) worth of photography equipment, which he had been accumulating since the late 1930's. PUHN advised that some of his equipment was purchased upon or after he assumed his present tenancy. Prior to this tenancy, PUHN advised he purchased a Leica camera from Willoughby's Camera Store, New York City. At this time he took a business trip to Florida and upon his return, returned this camera to Willoughby's due to the fact it did not function properly. PUHN advised that he paid a

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rental for the time the Leica camera was in his possession and that the difference between the purchase price and the amount of the rental was refunded to him.

PUHN produced a Bill of Sale from the Park Motors Sales, Inc., 1804 Broadway, New York City, dated January 9, 1950, for the purchase of a 1950 Mercury automobile. The above Bill of Sale reflected that PUHN turned in a Plymouth automobile for \$475.00 which was allowed from the purchase price of \$2,405 for the new 1950 Mercury. The above Bill of Sale reflected that the 1950 Mercury was paid for in cash. PUHN advised that after the purchase of the above automobile both he and his wife left on the business trip to Florida.

PUHN stated that after his return from Florida, which was a period of about three or four months, he purchased another Leica camera from Olden Camera and Lens Company, 1265 Broadway, New York City. PUHN exhibited this camera, which had serial number 231169, and explained that he paid about \$100.00 in cash and traded in a Rolleiflex camera for this Leica camera. PUHN also exhibited a Range Finder, serial number 10627, which he used in connection with his Leica camera.

PUHN explained that the funds for the Leica camera, the new automobile, the photography equipment, and the purchase of the photography business were obtained through cashing savings bonds. PUHN advised that he and his wife cashed in savings bonds which they had been accumulating through the 1935-1950 period, which he estimated were worth between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00. He stated that he still has a few of the savings bonds mentioned above.

PUHN advised that prior to August 18, 1950, from approximately 1946 to 1950, he operated a free lance photography business from his residence at 40 Konroe Street (Knickerbocker Village), New York City. PUHN stated he was unable to recall anyone ever leaving a Leica camera and a sum of money in his possession. He denied being acquainted with JULIUS or ETHEL ROSENBERG. PUHN stated that he had considered moving into a suburban home on several occasions; however, he did not have money to buy a house and never actually looked for one.

PUHN denied that he was or had ever been a member of the CP. He explained that on one occasion he went to a meeting of the East Side Section of the CP in New York City, which was

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located on East Broadway and that he had, on several occasions, been approached by unnamed individuals to join the CP. PUHN advised that through his photography business he had covered CP mass meetings and gatherings and that many photographs taken by him had appeared in the "Daily Worker". He recalled that on one occasion he did a job for possibly the Chelsea Section of the CP, whose headquarters were located on Eighth Avenue and West 17th Street, New York City. He produced two photographs, one showing the library and the other a club room of the CP meeting place at Eighth Avenue and West 17th Street, New York City.

PUHN also advised that he lectured on labor photography on one occasion at the Jefferson School of Social Science in response to a request by some woman whose name he could not recall. He placed the time somewhere between 1945 and 1947. PUHN explained that while employed by "The Pilot" as a staff photographer from 1942 to 1946, he became known as a "labor photographer".

T-3, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on April 7, 1953 that ALFRED PUHN opened a regular checking account at the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 50th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, on September 19, 1951. T-3 stated that PUHN maintains an average balance of approximately \$500.00 in this account.

T-4, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on April 7, 1953 that HELEN PUHN, wife of ALFRED PUHN, has a savings account in the Bowery Savings Bank, Bowery and Grand Streets, New York City, which at that time showed a balance of \$198.79. T-4 advised that the average balance of this account was a low three figure balance and the account, as of July, 1950, had a balance of \$67.81. The account did not have any additions until interest was posted during January, 1951.

The above information furnished by T-3 and T-4 was furnished on a strictly confidential basis and should not be made public without the prior issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

Mr. GEORGE C. SHAEFER, Willoughby's Camera Store, Inc., advised in April, 1953, that his records reflected that ALFRED PUHN bought a used Leica camera on January 12, 1950 for \$249.50, serial number of which was shown as 42278, and the serial number of the above lens was shown as 42084. The records of



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this store further reflected that PUHN returned one used Leica camera, serial number 402338, on March 11, 1950, for which PUHN received a refund of \$190.87. Mr. SHAEFER advised that the discrepancy in the serial number of the camera bought and the one returned was probably an error in their records in that PUHN might have bought a camera with serial number 42278 on January 12, 1950, and then returned the camera a few days later in order to exchange it for camera with serial number 402338 because of a malfunction or other failure of the original camera. Mr. SHAEFER stated there was a possibility that their records did not reflect the first exchange of the camera. This was the only explanation Mr. SHAEFER could give for PUHN buying a Leica camera with serial number 42278 on January 12, 1950, and returning a Leica camera, serial number 402338, on March 11, 1950.

Mr. WILLIAM OLDEN, Olden's Camera and Lens Company, 1265 Broadway, New York City, advised in April, 1953, that his records did not reflect PUHN buying a Leica camera from the store. Mr. OLDEN advised, however, that his records could not be considered foolproof and that there was a possibility that PUHN did buy a Leica camera at that store.

DAVID and EMILY ALMAN

T-2 advised in 1946 that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN of Knickerbocker Village were engaged in obtaining signatures on petitions for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., CP candidate for the City Council of New York in 1946. Further, T-2 advised that these individuals were members of the CP, East Side Club, 5 Rutgers Street, New York City. T-2 obtained this information from [REDACTED]

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 9, 1952, furnished a partial list of sponsors of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. This list named DAVID ALMAN as Executive Secretary and EMILY ALMAN as one of the sponsors.

Mr. THOMAS GRAY, Manager, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, advised SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON on October 28, 1954, that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN had resided in that development from 1940 to October 29, 1953, and that their address was 20 Monroe Street. He stated that the records reflected that the ALMANS had two children; a girl, MICHELLE, age 10 in 1953, and JENNIFER, age 5 in 1953. He stated that the ALMANS had moved from Knickerbocker Village on October 29, 1953 and were living at

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Englishtown, New Jersey, address RFD #2, Box 62. Mr. GRAY stated that the ALMANS bought a chicken farm at Englishtown and that on occasion Mrs. ALMAN comes back to Knickerbocker Village to sell fresh eggs and chickens to the residents.

Mr. JAMES ENNIS, guard of Knickerbocker Village, advised SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON in November, 1954, that he knew the ALMANS for a great many years and they were good friends of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. He stated that they were working for the Rosenberg Committee and had distributed literature of this committee throughout the development. He stated that the ALMANS had two children.

Investigation to Determine Financial Resources of the ALMANS

T-6, who is familiar with legal matters pertaining to the purchase of a home in Englishtown, New Jersey, by DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, advised on December 30, 1954 that the purchase took place during October, 1953. He advised that the price was \$13,500.00 and the ALMANS furnished a mortgage in the amount of \$8,900.00 and cash in the amount of \$4,600.00. He stated that the title to this property is in the names of EMILY and DAVID ALMAN and CECELIA ARNOW, whom T-6 identified as EMILY ALMAN's mother.

on February 7, 1955,  
T-6 also stated that one SIMON FEDERMAN had a \$2,000.00 mortgage on this property and that FEDERMAN maintains an office at 162 West 34th Street, New York City. He advised that the aforementioned \$2,000.00 mortgage held by FEDERMAN was a second mortgage negotiated by the ALMANS at the time that they purchased their present residence.

The records of the Middlesex County Clerk's Office, Middlesex County Court House, New Brunswick, New Jersey, were checked by SA ROLLO V. CLARK, JR. on February 18, 1955, and Discharge Book Number 22, page 222, reflected that the mortgage given by DAVID ALMAN, EMILY ALMAN, and CECELIA ARNOW to SIMON FEDERMAN, 162 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was discharged on May 24, 1954, and that the discharge was recorded on June 15, 1954.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that one SIMON FEDERMAN was one of the founders of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

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Mr. THOMAS GRAY, Manager, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, advised SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON on October 20, 1954 that after reviewing available records concerning DAVID and EMILY ALMAN, formerly of 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, he possessed no information concerning their financial assets or their banking affiliations.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, checked on December 10, 1954 by SE RICHARD F. O'HARA, failed to reflect any pertinent financial data or indicate any banking affiliations of the ALMANS.

T-8 and T-9, who are familiar with financial data of New York residents, advised in December, 1954, that they possessed no information concerning DAVID and EMILY ALMAN.

On February 1, 1954, T-10, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised that EMILY ALMAN paid \$30.00 to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City, on January 6 and 12, 1954, and that these payments were made by checks drawn on the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City.

T-11, who is in a position to furnish information of record, on December 15, 1954 advised that EMILY ALMAN, 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, New York City, maintains a special checking account at the Manufacturers Trust Company Branch, 230 Second Avenue, New York City.

T-12, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on December 22, 1954 that EMILY ALMAN, 20 Monroe Street, Knickerbocker Village, opened a special checking account on October 2, 1952 at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 230 Second Avenue, New York City, with a deposit of \$150.00. He stated that the average balance maintained was carried in low three figures, averaging approximately \$125.00. He further stated that the balance as of December 22, 1954, was \$6.00. T-12 stated that all deposits and withdrawals were small and that the account failed to reflect any unusual deposits. He stated that there was a notation on this account that EMILY ALMAN had a previous account with the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City.

T-11 advised that EMILY ALMAN is listed in the records of the Manufacturers Trust Company in New York City as having a

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special interest savings account at the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company. It was pointed out that this information was originally furnished by EMILY ALMAN when she opened her current account in October, 1952.

T-13, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on January 14, 1955 that the available records at the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, failed to reflect any record of an account by EMILY ALMAN.

On March 3, 1955, T-13 advised that a further search of available records of the Canal Street Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company failed to reflect any record of an account under the names DAVID or EMILY ALMAN, or under the maiden name of EMILY ARNOW.

T-14, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on December 3 and 6, 1954, that EMILY ALMAN opened a checking account at the First National Bank, Englishtown, New Jersey, on April 27, 1954, with a deposit of \$500.00. Subsequent deposits to this account, seven in number, vary from \$10.00 to \$77.00 and none of the checks drawn on this account were larger than \$86.70. The present balance of the account was \$1.31.

T-14 further stated that DAVID ALMAN opened a checking account at the First National Bank, Englishtown, New Jersey, on December 30, 1953, with a deposit of \$1,000.00, which he believed was in the form of a check. T-14, however, was unable to furnish any further details concerning this item. T-14 advised that deposits were made by DAVID ALMAN on January 26, 1954 and February 17, 1954 of checks in the amount of \$1,000.00 each, drawn on the personal accounts of one CHARLES T. NEUSER or CHARLES P. STEWART at the Public National Bank and Trust Company, New York City. T-14 noted that the balance in the aforementioned checking account of DAVID ALMAN was, at that time, \$132.75.

T-15, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised on April 6, 1955, that there was no record of a CHARLES P. STEWART or a CHARLES T. NEUSER in the files of the Public National Bank and Trust Company, 37 Broadway, New York City. He further advised that the central indices of the bank failed to reflect any record of an account of the aforementioned individuals in the 24 New York City branch offices. He stated

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that the bank maintains no record of special checking accounts and that in all probability these checks were drawn on such accounts.

The foregoing information furnished by T-10, T-11, T-12, T-13, T-14, and T-15 was furnished on a strictly confidential basis and should not be made public without the prior issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

RE: CECELIA ARNOW

T-6 advised on December 30, 1954, that CECELIA ARNOW is EMILY ALMAN's mother.

T-8 and T-9 advised on March 15, 1955, that they possessed no financial or credit information concerning CECELIA G. ARNOW, 38-32 Poplar Avenue, Sea Gate, Brooklyn, New York.

The files of the Credit Bureau for Greater New York were checked by SE RICHARD F. O'HARA on March 3, 1955, and failed to reflect any record of CECELIA ARNOW.

Lieutenant WILLIAM DOBERG, Sea Gate Association Police Department, advised SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN on March 23, 1955, that the records of the association reflect that CECELIA ARNOW resides at 38-32 Poplar Avenue as a tenant and is not a property owner. He stated that the Sea Gate Association possessed no information concerning her and would not be engaged in any financial transactions with her. He stated he was not aware of her banking affiliations.

T-16, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that CECELIA ARNOW, 38-32 Poplar Avenue, Sea Gate, Brooklyn, New York, received no correspondence in the months of May, July, and August, 1955, which would indicate any banking or financial associations.

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DOCUMENTATIONS

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"DAILY WORKER"

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication.

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY (ALP)

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T-17, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-17 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State.

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T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1955, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.



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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

HOWARD RUSHMORE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American", advised in January, 1952, that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

T-7 advised on June 7, 1954, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG Case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the CP takes an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

T-18, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 15, 1954, that the Communist Party, USA, directs the activities of the NCSJRC. On June 30, 1955, T-18 advised that the NCSJRC continues to maintain National offices at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City, and continues to be fairly active in major cities throughout the United States. According to T-18, the key objectives are to free SOBELL and to continue protesting the innocence of the ROSENBERGS.

T-7, on August 4, 1955, advised that the CP continued active interest in the NCSJRC and was attempting to secure the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, to the East coast.

MORTON SOBELL

MORTON SOBELL was found guilty March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union along with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, and on April 5, 1951 was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

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T-1 [REDACTED]	Info re activities of JULIUS ROSENBERG	1/3/51 3/19/51 4/11/51 6/1/51 6/2/51.	SAs WILLIAM F. NORTON & JOHN A. HARRINGTON	65-15348
T-2 [REDACTED]	CP activities of HELEN PURN. Re AL VES	2/21/45 9/19/45 1946	SA HERBERT W. BROWNELL Unknown	100-26603-1A-607 100-66672-3
T-3 [REDACTED] Chemical Bank & Trust Co., 50th St. and Lexington Ave., NYC.	Banking data	4/7/53	SA THOMAS F. McQUEENEY	100-65457-23
T-4 [REDACTED] Bowery Savings Bank, Bowery & Grant St., NYC.	Banking data	4/7/53	SA THOMAS F. McQUEENEY	100-65457-23
T-5 [REDACTED]	List of sponsors, NCSJRC	6/9/52	SA EVERETT K. DEANE	100-107111-1B73
T-6 [REDACTED]	Re purchase of ALMAN home	12/30/54	SA HARVEY M. JOHNSON	65-15348-2736
[REDACTED] (per request)	Re SIMON FEDERMAN	2/7/55	"	"
T-7 NY 65-16985-3	Documentation of SIMON FEDERMAN. Documentation of National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Documentation of American Labor Party.			

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T-8 [REDACTED]	Financial data	12/10/54 3/15/55	SA GEORGE v. SCHNEIDER	65-15348-2730 and -2740
T-9 [REDACTED]	Financial data	12/10/54 3/15/55	SA GEORGE v. SCHNEIDER	65-15348-2730 and -2740
T-10 [REDACTED] Times Square Branch, Chase Nat'l Bank.	Banking info re NCSJRC	2/1/54	SA EDWARD J. CAHILL	100-107111
T-11 [REDACTED] Legal Dept., Manufacturers Trust Co., NYC.	Re checking account of EMILY ALMAN	12/15/54	SA EDWARD J. CAHILL	100-107111
T-12 [REDACTED] 230 Second Ave. Branch, Manufacturers Trust Co.	Re checking account of EMILY ALMAN	12/22/54	SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN	100-107111
T-13 [REDACTED] Manufacturers Trust Co. Branch, 407 Broadway.	Re checking account of EMILY ALMAN.	1/14/55 3/3/55	SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN	100-107111

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T-14 [REDACTED] First Nat'l Bank, English- town, N. J.	Re checking account of EMILY ALMAN	12/3,6/54	SA HARVEY M. JOHNSON	65-15348-2728
T-15 [REDACTED] Bankers Trust Co., 39 Broad St., NYC.	Banking info	4/6/55	SA MARTIN McQUINN	65-15348-2740
T-16 Mail cover placed with Postmaster, Brooklyn, NY.	Correspondents of CECILIA ARNOW	May, July, August, 1955	SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN	Instant report
T-17 [REDACTED] (by request)	Documentation of American Labor Party.			
T-18 [REDACTED]	Documentation of National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.			

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MISCELLANEOUS

The dates on which T-1 furnished information concerning JULIUS ROSENBERG have not been set forth in the details of this report in order to adequately conceal the identity of the informant inasmuch as both were inmates of the Federal House of Detention, West Street, New York City, during that period of time, and T-1 was the only inmate in a position to converse with JULIUS ROSENBERG.

Information concerning the Board of Elections check of ALFRED and HELEN PHIN was reported in the report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON dated 6/18/53 at New York, in the case entitled "JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R". The identity of the reviewing Agent and the date of review was not set forth.

For the information of the Newark Office, the Bureau has instructed that investigation to locate the recipients of the Leica camera and the money should be conducted separately from the case entitled "JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R", Newark file 65-4085.

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NEWARK (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished the Newark Office for information in view of the fact that DAVID and EMILY ALMAN reside within the Newark Field Division.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

- 1) Will request Bureau permission for continuation of mail cover on CECELIA ARNOW.
- 2) Will contact banks in the vicinity of the Sea Gate area of Brooklyn and attempt to locate a bank account for CECELIA ARNOW.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York dated 7/22/55 in the case entitled JULIUS ROSENBERG, was., ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE: September 12, 1955

Director, FBI (65-

FROM : SAC, New York (65-16985) Attention:

SUBJECT: UNSUBS: Recipients of  
Leica Camera and \$7,000.  
from ETHEL ROSENBERG,  
June, 1950  
ESPIONAGE - R☒ Domestic Intelligence Division  
☐ Investigative Division

Name: CECELIA ARNOW

Address: 3832 Poplar Avenue, Sea Gate, Brooklyn, New York.

Type of Mail: First Class

Type of Cover: Return card

Period Covered: 30 days

Purpose of Cover: To determine banking affiliations.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary continue on extra page.)

Necessary and desirable in connection with the investigation in this case to determine if CECELIA ARNOW, mother-in-law of EMILY ALMAN, received \$7,000.00 or a portion thereof, in 1950, from ETHEL ROSENBERG. A previous 30 day mail cover has been unproductive. There are no known facts which would result in embarrassment to the Bureau. Arnow is Mother-in-law of suspect for recipient of above money. NYO is attempting to locate her bank account and financial information.

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Postmaster to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized:

Honorable EDWARD J. QUIGLEY  
Postmaster,  
Federal Building  
Brooklyn 1, New York.

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9/22/55

Rec'd from Bureau

290 Broadway  
New York 7, New York  
Honorable Edward J. Quigley

Federal Building  
Brooklyn 1, New York

October 6, 1955

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office with the following information on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, received by the individual listed below for a period of thirty days:

Re: CECILIA ARNOW  
3832 Poplar Avenue, Seagate, Brooklyn,  
New York

1. The name of addressee if different from above.
- x 2. Name and return address of sender.
3. All postmark data including date, time, and place mailed from.
4. All information on return cards.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*J. J. Kelly*  
JAMES J. KELLY

*J. J. Kelly*  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Noted  
10/31/55  
RWS.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

290 Broadway  
New York 7, New York

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

October 12, 1955

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent  
New York Telephone Company  
140 West Street  
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you make available all background information which your files contain concerning:

Cecelia G. Arnow  
3832 Poplar Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York  
ESplanade 2-6351

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very Truly Yours,

*James J. Kelly*  
JAMES J. KELLY  
Special Agent in Charge

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 10/12/55

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: UNSUBS: Recipients of Leica Camera  
and \$7,000 from Ethel Rosenberg,  
June, 1950  
ESP-R

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SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

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*CCF* SAC, NEW YORK (65-16985)

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average social worker's compensation. The source and nature  
of these deposits is unknown.

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Photostats of the U. S. Income Tax returns of Mrs. CECELIA  
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sources of income.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-16985)

DATE: January 19, 1956

FROM : Director, FBI (65-63615)

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cc - 1 - Newark (Information)

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SAC, New York (65-16985)

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56) Transfer Sheet

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FROM : SA DANIEL P. O'CONNOR

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June, 1950  
ESPIONAGE - R

Re memo of SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY dated 10/13/55.

On 11/29/55 the writer interviewed Mr. WILLIAM GERKEN, Vice President First Bank of Suffolk, Huntington, N.Y. He advised that he left the Manufacturers Trust Co, 230 Second Ave., N.Y.N.Y. in June 1955. He had no recollection of a Mrs. CECILIA G. ARNOW, an account at the latter bank. With respect to his introduction of ARNOW to the bank he stated that he could have done such a thing without knowing ARNOW personally. He stated that The Sons & Daughters of Israel was an account of the bank and it was likely that ARNOW came to the bank with the recommendation of the Rabbi at the Home or "Blanch" (lenu) the bookkeeper and in that case he would have inserted his name rather than ask for references. GERKEN said that he had no active interest in the account of the Home in the last few years. In this connection he said that his two assistants might have known ARNOW. These were GEORGE KOEHN, now manager of the 74th St & First Ave. Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Co. The other was JEROME TROTTA, now manager of the Canarsie Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Co. GERKEN pointed out that Congressman Kleba is now the head of the home and he recently brought in man to run the home who was at one time a "Tax" man with the federal government. His name is GELLERT. GERKEN said that he would believe that GELLERT would be trustworthy.

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October 27, 1954

SA ALEXANDER D. MANSON

RALPH EDWARD PETERSON  
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The following investigation was conducted at Madison, Wisconsin, by SA ALEXANDER D. MANSON:

On October 5, 1954, [REDACTED] Madison Credit Bureau, supplied the following information from her files.

RALPH PETERSON, variously described as a writer, broadcaster, and cab driver, has been in the Credit Bureau files since 1941, and his credit rating is [REDACTED]

The only specific information regarding employment listed is at "Reading" Station WFOV in October, 1951, and also some time during 1953. On a date which reads November 10 (year not clear) his wife, CLAIRE, is listed as having obtained an annulment of her marriage in Milwaukee to PETERSON. The following addresses are listed:

Plum City, Wisconsin - before February, 1941.

Evanston, Illinois - February, 1941.

1015 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin -

Before February, 1941, and during July,

1945, April, 1948, November, 1948.

801 University Avenue, Madison - July, 1951.

Rock Springs, Wisconsin - Before May, 1951.

1710 Winnebago - July 1950.

2047 Winnebago - February, 1953.

228 North Mills Street - Before, July, 1952;

On July 15, 1952, his landlady, EMILIA POPE, said that he had moved and had lied to her about his job.

On October 5, 1954, [REDACTED] Madison Police Department, gave the following information from his files.

RALPH EDWARD PETERSON, variously described as a writer, radio broadcaster, and cab driver, was born on June 9, 1916, in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and held Cab License #7123, now inactive, and worked as cab driver for the City Car Company in May, 1952, the Yellow Cab Company in May and June, 1952, and the Checker Cab Company, Madison, July, 1952.



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RALPH EDWARD PETERSON had the following criminal record:


On February 11, 1954, he reported to the Police Department that his wife, Mrs. CLAUDE HARRIET SALOP PETERSON, left home February 6, 1954, and was  at that time because of financial difficulties between the couple.


The following addresses are listed for PETERSON:

801 University Avenue, 1952.  
1015 University Avenue, April, 1945.  
Boscoville Harbor, Middleton,  
Wisconsin, December, 1952.

The following description of PETERSON appeared in the Police Department files:

Born:	June 9, 1916, Rhineland, Wisconsin
Height:	6' 3"
Weight:	173 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Dirty blond, straight
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Medium

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1954,  Middleton, Wisconsin, CONFIDENTIALLY advised that RALPH EDWARD PETERSON had lived at Boscoville Harbor for the last two or three years but had moved from that address some months ago, although much mail continues to come to that address through the Middleton Post Office for PETERSON.

 said that PETERSON wrote to publishing houses and companies all over the nation, stating that he was a book reviewer and as a result he received scores of books for reviewing purposes and also received numerous copies of publications, the only one of possible interest remembered by

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[REDACTED] being the National Guardian. [REDACTED] said that PETERSON'S wife, CLAIRE, had divorced him and that in his last few months in Wisconsin he had been seen with a woman whose name was believed to be GOLD and who had received some mail through the Middleton Post Office, which had come from a Dr. GOLD (not sure of the name) of New York City. [REDACTED] believed that the GOLD woman's first name was MARY or ELAINE, but he was not sure of that either. He said that PETERSON had gone to New York, and that one of his friends had supplied an address at the York, New York City, which he understood to be a hotel where PETERSON was residing temporarily.

[REDACTED] said that GEORGE WILINOVSKI, a resident of Middleton, who works for the State Crime Laboratory at Madison, knew PETERSON fairly well and he further advised that an employee of the State Historical Society, whose name he could not remember, but who seemed to be an older man, sometimes picked up PETERSON'S mail for him. Mr. and Mrs. PETERSON had a reputation for being somewhat eccentric, but actually Mr. PETERSON did not seem to associate with any of his neighbors at Bascoville Harbor and Middleton.

On October 18, 1954, Mrs. ELMORE MILLER, 1907 Briscoll Street, Middleton, said that RALPH PETERSON had rented her father-in-law's cottage at Bascoville Harbor for about two years until he was evicted in the spring of 1954, it being necessary to enlist the aid of the sheriff in order to get him out. She said that PETERSON did not mix with any of his neighbors and that her brother, who resides right next door to him at Bascoville Harbor, knew nothing of PETERSON'S background or activities since he spent most of his time either in the cottage reading books or in Madison.

Mrs. MILLER stated that the only property he had when he moved, that she knew of, was a huge amount of books, so much in number that it took a truck to move them. A moving man in Middleton had taken them to a garage rented by PETERSON for storage purposes. This garage she remembered was located on North Mills Street in Madison between East Dayton Street, and East Johnson Street, and was part of a three stall garage in back of a home on that block which garage had sort of a composition brick finish to it.

On October 14, 1954, RUSS ARCHER, proprietor of the drug store at 1822 Monroe Street, Madison, said that he knew

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RALPH PETERSON as an eccentric individual who has been in his drug store occasionally during the past three or four years, who claims to have cancer of the chest and who purchases quantities of codine pills, ostensibly to relieve the pain from which he suffers. Mr. ARCHER said he had no question concerning PETERSON'S loyalty, but he considered him an eccentric individual who probably is a little crazy and he did not seem to have anything to do in the nature of employment and who liked to hang around the drug store simply for conversational purposes.

**[REDACTED]** at the State Crime Laboratory in Madison, CONFIDENTIALLY advised that he first met RALPH PETERSON when PETERSON was working for the Chicago Sun around 1945 or 1946 and when **[REDACTED]** was with the ONI. **[REDACTED]** said that he ran into PETERSON in Middleton two or three years ago and that they have developed an acquaintance during that period. He said that PETERSON has never made any disloyal statements, but has spoken frequently of general past associations with Communism and is presently believed to be in New York, according to a letter that PETERSON wrote to a man in Madison named R. "LINDY" ROTHBLATT, Aka, ALEC, PETERSON'S present activity being to observe U. N. meetings.

**[REDACTED]** said he picked up this information in casual conversation with other individuals around Madison who know PETERSON because he hangs around the campus area, and **[REDACTED]** said he also understands that ROTHBLATT, who lives at 1429 Madison Street and operates a food store at 827 University Avenue, has loaned PETERSON quite a bit of money in the past. **[REDACTED]** stated that CLIFF SALOP, former wife of PETERSON, has divorced him and PETERSON is now supposed to be going around with another woman whose identity **[REDACTED]** did not know.

**[REDACTED]** further stated that PETERSON underwent **[REDACTED]** at Wisconsin General Hospital during February and March, 1954, that he has a brother named ROBERT **[REDACTED]** is presently living in Madison, and that at one time PETERSON ran a country newspaper in some area north of Madison which may have been financed by ROTHBLATT, but which eventually proved to be a failure. **[REDACTED]** expressed the opinion that PETERSON is a **[REDACTED]** probably a **[REDACTED]** and he stated that he would keep the FBI Office advised of any further activity of interest on PETERSON'S part that came to his attention.

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[REDACTED] when contacted, stated he knew PETERSON, had heard of PETERSON as a former broadcaster in Madison, but had no information tying PETERSON in with any Communist or pro-Communist activity at the University of Wisconsin.

[REDACTED] had no information showing any current connection between PETERSON and current Communist activities in Madison.

In view of the foregoing, and the fact that previous information obtained on PETERSON would make it inadvisable to interview him, it is suggested that this case be closed administratively.



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SAC, MILWAUKEE (65-998)

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ESPIONAGE - R

Re NY Let to Milwaukee dated 1/6/56.

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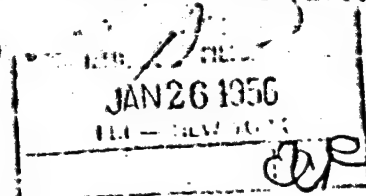
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE 1/24/56

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